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FORMER OHIOAN INDICTED FOR FOUR BANK ROBBERIES

COLUMBUS - A federal grand jury here today returned a four-count indictment charging Cincinnati native Donnie Kenneda, age 39, with the unarmed robberies of four banks in central and southern Ohio.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Stanley J. Borgia, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Division, announced the indictment returned today.

The indictment alleges that Kenneda robbed the National City Bank, 1 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, on July 22, 2005; the Huntington Bank, 6127 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, on July 28, 2005; the National City Bank, 290 E. Town Street, Columbus, on August 1, 2005; and the National City Bank, 5116 Brandt Pike, Huber Heights, Ohio on August 2, 2005.

FBI agents and Birmingham, Alabama police officers arrested Kenneda on August 10, 2005 following a bank robbery there. Kenneda has been in custody since his arrest in Alabama. Judge Michael H. Watson will preside over the case and will set a date for Kenneda's arraignment in Columbus.

Each of the charges of unarmed bank robbery carries a maximum penalty of twenty years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000 and three years of supervised release.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by the FBI agents and the local law enforcement agencies involved, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Kelley, who is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an accusation. A defendant should be presumed innocent unless he is convicted or pleads guilty in a court of law.

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